

Zalmon Richards House
1301 Corcoran Street, NW
Washington
District of Columbia

HABS No. DC-343

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Washington, D.C. 20240

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Zalmon Richards House		HABS NO. DC-343
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1301 Corcoran Street, NW		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ca. 1880	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Home of Zalmon Richards, who was an important 19th century educator, first president of the National Teachers' Association (which became the National Education Association), instrumental in establishment of federal office of education, and first superintendant of D.C. schools. Architecturally, house important as first of a row of townhouses of unified style (if appropriate) Second Empire design. Second Empire		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick; slate roof		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 2-bay front; 2½-story; raised basement; mansard roof; projecting wooden bays on front and side		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Scroll brackets at cornice and on bays; hood moulds over segmental arched windows; double doors; fanlight.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition in 1974 appeared good.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Schwartz, Nancy B. Historic American Buildings Survey, District of Columbia Catalog, 1974. Listed on National Register of Historic Places Category III District of Columbia Landmark		
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